

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1058

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach David Steeley and the Marshall County High School girls' basketball team upon winning the 2008 TSSAA Class AA State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Marshall County High School girls' basketball team is one such estimable team that won the 2008 Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class AA Girls' Basketball State Tournament on March 8, 2008, at Middle Tennessee State University's Murphy Center; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach David Steeley, the Marshall County High School Tigerettes basketball team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2007-2008 season, establishing an excellent record of thirty-two wins against only four losses on the road to winning the TSSAA Class AA Girls' Basketball State Championship; and

WHEREAS, after demolishing Bolivar Central High School, 62-41, at the sectional level to advance to the state tournament, Marshall County vanquished Gibson County in the first round by a score of 74-45 and edged out McMinn Central High School, 45-43, in the semi-finals to advance to the Class AA State Tournament final; and

WHEREAS, facing the powerful Milan High School Lady Bulldogs in the championship game, the Tigerettes emerged victorious in a hard fought battle that ended with a score of 44-35, as they won Marshall County High School's fourth girls' basketball state championship and the school's twelfth state title overall; and

WHEREAS, this herculean effort was led by Class AA State Tournament All Tournament Team Members Danika Hopkins, Jessica McQueen, Jakerra Simmons, and Lauren March.

Jakerra Simmons also distinguished herself as Fox 17's Player of the Game in the championship match with her outstanding thirteen-point performance, while Lauren March's thirteen points, nine rebounds, two assists, one steal, and one blocked shot in the championship tilt earned her recognition as the Tournament's Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Head Coach David Steeley's able leadership, the Tigerettes benefited from the hard work and guidance of Assistant Coach Boyd West and Managers Brandy Hollingsworth, Kaitlyn Alexander, Hillary Chilton, and Kathryn Haislip; and

WHEREAS, the members of this extraordinary championship team are Artavia Bryant, Danika Hopkins, Lauren March, Kanisha McLean, Jessica McQueen, McKenna Moffett, Stephanie Moore, Addricka O'Neal, Darhonda O'Neal, Larhonda O'Neal, Lauren Reeves, Jakerra Simmons, Andraya Tears, and Mieke Wallace; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout the season, the members of the Marshall County High School girls' basketball team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a memorable championship season, but also surely point toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of its athletic teams that have succeeded both on the court and in the game of life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Head Coach David Steeley and the Marshall County High School Tigerettes' basketball team upon winning the 2008 TSSAA Class AA Girls' Basketball State Championship and wish them success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.